# Adiantum Baronial Council Minutes, October 23, 2023

Start time: 7 pm End time: 8:30 Meeting held in person at the Gateway Sizzler and via Zoom

#### Attendees:

Brunjarr, Isis, Murchadh, Avena, Katherine, Yseult, Alan, Aila'ntha, Teresa, Katherine, Finngall, Muirenn, Eoghan, Elizabeth, Alejandro, John, Johanna, Wulfric, Eleni, Enid, Evandrus, Cyeth, William, Donald, Mearwynn, Hrodnavar, Asgerdr, Kaisa, William Cristofore and via Zoom: Helen, Bohemond, Gundehar, Araina, Godwynn

**WORDS from Their Excellencies** – We had a wonderful time at Martinmass and watched Viscount Anton become Adiantum's new Armored Fighting Champion. Adiantum's Alejandro also became the Rapier Champion of Terra Pomaria. We sent a letter to Lion's Blood support of Four Rivers' submission of their group badge.

**WORDS from the Seneschal** – Briefly, we have swapped our hosting of Summits Investiture in June 2024 with Coeur du Val's hosting of September Coronet Tourney 2024 so that we don't have to host an event three weeks after Egil's Tourney 2024.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Midwinter Feast – Johanna Trewpeny and Helen Gaskyn:** Midwinter Feast is coming along. WE held a site walk-through yesterday (Sunday) and determined that the front lawn will be plenty of room for the Rapier Championship Tourney, with a list pavilion and a spectators' pavilion. We will cap the feast at 90 as this is the number we can comfortably serve in the main hall. Teresa had an opportunity to check out the kitchen – she's in charge of the feast. We will hold the Baronial A & S and Bardic championships, in the lobby and hall respectively.

The site is Our Redeemer Lutheran Church 255 Maxwell Rd Eugene Oregon. Raven will manage a button and yarn thread exchange. There will be A&S displays and/or projects managed by Aila'ntha andn Yseult. Our Baron and Baroness will hold two mini-courts. Asgerd is running Gate and getting PayPal set up. Gate fee is \$20 for adults 18+, \$5 discount for SCA members; under 12 and royals free. \$10 for non eating people, \$5 discount for SCA members.

**Egil's Tourney, May 24-27, 2024, Hrodnavar and Yseult**: We are continuing to get our area heads in place. Cyeth and William will run Gate with the help of Helen and Hobbit John. We are updating the utility costs and starting contest publicity.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Birthday Bash** – Eoghan Ua Cléirigh presented a bid to steward the one-day event at Pleasant Hill Lutheran Church, 84421 Gaupp Ln, Pleasant Hill, OR 97455, where we held it last April. Event costs will be \$75 for insurance and a \$200 donation to the church. Although this will be a free event, we will ask for donations and perhaps hold an auction of donated items. Gate sign in is required by Kingdom law, even though this is a free event. The event will include championship Tournaments for Thrown Weapons, Archery and Youth Archery.

#### Changes is Baronial Officers –

**Exchequer** - Asgerd Audsdottir asked to extend her warrant for another year. Accepted. **Chatelaine** – Johanna's warrant expires in November. HL Aila'ntha was elected to take over the office with Lady Araina as her deputy. Aila'ntha's warrant as A&S Officer runs until June 2024, so she is resigning as A&S effective in November.

**Arts & Sciences** – Yseult, who had been Aila'ntha's A&S deputy, was elected. Her warrant as Chronicler expires in November.

**Chronicler** – Two people applied for this office: Enid of Hawksgard and Teresa of Adiantum. They agreed that they would be officer and deputy as determined by the election. Enid is our new Chronicler. She brings 8 years of experience as Chronicler in the Canton, then Shire of Hauksgarthr. Teresa brings 20+ years of modern experience with note taking and report writing to her job as deputy.

**Gold Key** – Since Helen has moved out of Adiantum, she is resigning as Gold Key officer. Her deputy, Mearwynn is willing to take over those duties at events and was elected to the office. Gold Key is stored in Helen's storage unit until December. We need to find a new place to house it, and Mearwynn will need help transporting it to events (primarily Egil's Tourney).

**Scribe -** Victoria de Kente's warrant expires in November. Her deputy Muirenn volunteered to take the office and was elected.

**Social Media** – Elizabeth volunteered to take the office as she has extensive experience with Facebook, YouTube, Discord, etc. from her modern employment. She was elected.

Open officer positions: Youth Combat, Youth & Family Activities.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

Arts & Sciences, Aila'ntha of William's Keep (Warrant expires 6/29/24, 2nd extension): Arts and sciences continues to meet on alternate Sundays at 2pm. The first October date was cancelled due to a death in the family. On Oct. 22 Dame Johanna taught a class on Silk banner painting for 11 people. A recording of the class is available on the Barony's YouTube channel.

**Chamberlain, Yseult of Broceliande (**Warrant Expires: 7/25/2024.): I have made two rope measuring devices for laying out list fields – each is a rope triangle with 30', 40' and 50' sides. These will allow us to get squares measured quickly and accurately. I checked out Chatelaine materials for the demo/event on Saturday, Oct. 14, and will be returning them to storage this week.

Chatelaine, Johanna Trewpeny (Warrant Expires: 11/20/2023, 2nd Ext.): The meet and greet, Island Park demo was absolutely fantastic! We had interested parties arrive from the park, from the birthday party, using the same shelter, from online, and from previous demo contacts. People came to meet people and get involved, and are successfully getting involved. We need more of this, and now we know we can do it. We should do it again on the weather permits! Thanks to the fantastic team of people who came out!

We had fighters, rapier and cut and thrust, archers with a mini trebuchet, arts and sciences, scribal, chainmaile making, and a newcomer display. It was a most glorious happening! Some of our newcomers have offered the use of their home, which has an extremely large living room with balcony space. We have scheduled a Newcomer/Bardic there for 7 November, 5-8 pm.

Other online contacts have occurred.

**Chronicler, Yseult of Broceliande** (Warrant Expires: 11/22/2023): I took minutes at the September Baronial Council, then posted them to the Facebook chat group and sent them to the Web Minister for posting on the Baronial web site. I posted the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter BiCranial Bear to the Facebook chat group and sent it to the Web Minister for posting on the website.. My warrant expires in November, and I will not be able to attend the November Council meeting.

Exchequer, Asgerdr Audsdottirr (Warrant Expires: 8/23/23) Bank balance today is \$19,131.92

I would like to apply for a warrant extension to January 2025.

With the current Chamberlain I will be organizing forms for turnover of regalia/equipment for officers & champions.

I would like to get the insurance requests for Midwinter Feast, Birthday Bash, and Egils 2024. We need at least 30 days to get these, and need to have the mailing addresses and event address for each. (Egils, we know that one.)

Budget information is due before November Council, please let me know if your office will require an increase or decrease for 2024. Otherwise, I will keep the same officer budget in place for 2024.

**Gold Key, Helen Louise Gaskyn (**Warrant Expires: 11/22/2023): Nothing new to report. Thank you for the honor of serving you. I will transfer the office to me successor Mearwynn.

**Herald, Finngall McKetterick (**Warrant Expires: 12/28/2024): Not mush activity this month. I did do a bit of consulting.

**Lists:** Nothing to report this month.

#### **Marshals**

**Archery, Alan Bowyer (**Warrant Expires: 2/26/24, 1st Ext.): Not much to report. Between events and the return of the rainy season, there's been no practices. Adiantum will have its own trebuchet by next Egil's Tourney.

**Armored Combat, Wulfric Marinus** (Warrant Expires: 12/28/2024): No injuries to be reported this month. Practices this month have been well attended with two or more new people to the SCA coming to practice interested in joining. Last practice had 12 heavy fighters with two more people there interested in getting in armor next practice.

I have talked to the city of Creswell and got the form for using the Creswell Community Center. It is a charge of \$25 for the first hour and \$5 for each hour after the first. Along with a security and cleaning deposit that is to be returned at the end of the usage period. Currently the center is not rented out for any Thursday this year. The cost of renting the facility however is far above the budget of the Heavy Marshal and would necessitate additional funds either from the barony of donated by the populace. Being an indoor space the floor of the building should also be covered so if people have rugs, old carpets, or martial art floor pads available those should also be utilized to prevent damage to the flooring. Our current site, although covered, has no bathroom access or water.

## Cut & Thrust and Rapier, Bohemond Reynard de Gervais, warrant expires 7/22/25:

09/21, Rapier: 7 people, 2 newcomers,1 minor, No injuries.

10/12: Rapier 6 fighters, 1 minor, 1 new fighter. No injuries.

10/19 C&T: 4 fighters, No injuries.

Rapier: 12 fighters, 1 minor, 1 newcomer. No injuries.

We've had multiple newcomers try out fencing (like, 6 or 7 since July) Roughly one every two weeks. Of those, one has been up in Lebanon, got himself some gear, and is attending our practice and Coeur du Val semi-regularly. One is also new to heavy and I think is more focused on that. One is wanting to come back and do lessons before practice this week for rapier. I am wanting to modify one of the swords currently owned by the barony. We have no swords that are compatible with our hand protection. Swords are more expensive, so I just want to know if there's any misgivings about my making it legal for use with our current gauntlets. The alternatives are to purchase new swords or purchase new hand protection, and I believe I have the skills to modify the existing gear, and save 300 to 600 USD. Approved that he make the repairs/modifications.

**Thrown Weapons, Eoghan Ua Cléirigh** (Warrant Expires: 11/28/2024): We will start indoor practice in Murchadh's barn now that the rains have come. No injuries, all scores reported.

Youth Armored Combat: office is vacant

**Scribe, Victoria de Kente** (Warrant Expires: 10/25/2023): Lately, my deputy has de facto taken over the office for me, as I am unable to complete my duties due to ongoing health concerns. My term of office ended this month and I am not renewing. I am stepping down. I appreciate the opportunity to serve, but I'm unable to carry out the duties of a baronial officer at this time.

**Seneschal, Murchadh Monaidh Chroaibhe (**Warrant Expires: 9/26/2024): I have proposed trading Summer Investiture for either Fall Coronet or Winter Investiture. The Summits Seneschal concurs, and Adiantum will now run Summits Fall Coronet Tourney 2024.

We have several Greater (required) Officers coming to the end of their terms. Please consider volunteering for Chatelaine or Chronicler. We also have Scribe and Gold Key coming to the end of their terms.

As the Social Media Officer is a direct report to the Seneschal, I will include that information in my report until the position is filled. The Facebook Page and Official Discussion Group have been monitored daily, with events and mandatory postings submitted as requested. No violation of SCA/An Tir Social Media policies noted.

Web Minister, Katherine of the Lakes (Warrant Expires: 7/25/2024): I have kept the website up to date this month. I have also updated the officers' page to include a link to each officer's Order of Precedence, when their warrant expires, if they have a deputy, and how to pronounce their name. I plan to purchase the camera as soon as I can now that the required signers are back. I have also created a YouTube and moved all of the Arts & Science videos over onto it. I hope that different officers will want to upload videos about their own parts of the SCA. I am working on transferring the Zoom account over into the Web Minister's email, so that it will be easier for other officers to access and use it.

Thank you to Onora and Korra for being our soundspringers, delivering the speaker/microphone to everyone in turn so that people on Zoom could hear the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Yseult of Broceliande Chronicler of Adjantum